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## **SHAY**

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Israel

**I came to live and study at Kfar Silver last year. I come from an ultra-Orthodox family who live in B'nai Brak. I am still in contact with my family and friends back home, but my life has totally changed since coming here.**

Kfar Silver gave me perspective on what is really important in life. My life before this was filled with rules about how to live. Here at Kfar Silver, I have freedom—freedom to make decisions, freedom to prioritize my studies, and freedom to truly understand what is important in my life.

I am getting the highest grades possible, and I am really proud of how well I am doing here. I love studying computer science, and I would like to work in high-tech after I finish school. I have learned practical skills including coding,

which will help me excel in high tech when I begin working.

My social circle has broadened and it now includes friends from all different religions and cultures. It is fun to live and study with my friends 24/7.

The best experience I have had so far is being part of a program where we welcomed a delegation of students from Germany at Kfar Silver, and then we traveled to Germany to visit them for one week. It was incredible. I would love to keep traveling in the future. Next stop: Greece. I would like to visit the museums and be able to see Greek mythology come to life everywhere I look.